

CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2006/07 BUDGET

AGENCY 30 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Department of Human Services (DHS) helps to identify and alleviate causes of poverty and promote self-sufficiency and self-determination by providing quality, efficient services in a compassionate manner to income-eligible and disadvantaged persons, children, families and individuals with special needs.

DESCRIPTION

DHS is Michigan's largest Community Action Agency (CAA) and provides a broad range of coordinated emergency and supportive services for low-income individuals and families through its network of service centers and grant-funded programs.

The Department is the administrative grantee, for the Early Head Start and Head Start program, the services are provided through contractual agreements with eight delegate agencies in order to impact the intellectual, physical, mental health and nutritional aspects of learning for over 7,000 enrolled low-income pre-school children and their families.

In addition, the Drug Treatment division offers treatment and rehabilitation services to substance abuse patients and their families in an effort to decrease the consumption of illicit drugs and criminal activity. The Department operates a myriad of other services including but not limited to an Emergency Food Program for clients in crisis situations who do not qualify for other assistance; distribution of U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus commodity food to low-income clients; a Home Weatherization Program (HWP) which provides energy conservation services through home repairs, furnace replacement and insulation for income-qualified clients; emergency energy support through a heating bill payment assistance program and an Emergency Needs Program for income eligible citizens that have unique and special needs.

All program services that are operated through the DHS are funded and designed to assist the eligible low-income residents of the City of Detroit. Because of the very nature of the human services programs, the Department is an integral part of the neighborhood stabilization and public safety priorities of this administration by supporting the needs of the vulnerable individuals and families.

GOALS

1. Provide staff, income-eligible clients and others with resources that help to reduce crime and violence and provide for greater health, welfare and safety of our citizens.
2. Improve staff productivity and communication skills by providing an environment that is conducive and supportive of worksite wellness.
3. Ensure that all eligible individuals receive the optimum benefit of all services provided.
4. Maximize grant funds by aggressively seeking and obtaining and effectively and efficiently administering resources.
5. Target City-based business for procurement of goods and services.

DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	GENERAL		
	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
EXPENDITURES	\$250,000	\$62,725,064	\$62,975,064
REVENUES	<u>0</u>	<u>62,725,064</u>	<u>62,725,064</u>
NET TAX COST	\$250,000	\$ 0	\$ 250,000
POSITIONS	0	137	137